

VERGE 2026



Do you have a camper who dreams of working at NaCoMe one day?

Do you want to ensure your camper leaves this summer with not only new memories, but also meaningful skills that will last a lifetime?

As we look toward the future of NaCoMe, we're excited to share an important update to our Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program. Starting in **2026**, we will be transitioning away from the traditional model and moving toward a more immersive, skill-based experience designed to give our oldest campers a realistic preview of what it's like to work at NaCoMe.

What's New?

Our updated CIT program will no longer include participating as a camper. Instead, each CIT will spend **one week shadowing a camp counselor** and **one week working alongside our recreation staff**. Throughout both weeks, they'll meet daily with CIT Leads to focus on a new **character development skill** designed to strengthen leadership, responsibility, and teamwork.

CITs can expect hands-on experience in areas such as:

Recreation Staff Shadowing

- Morning prep duties with the rec team
- Ropes course setup
- Water jug filling and placement
- Prepping all program areas
- Set-up and teardown for campwide games and events (Lip Sync Battle, Communion, All-Camp Games)
- Assisting with activities during counselor breaks, including:
 - Archery
 - Swimming Hole
 - Upper Lake
 - High Ropes (harness and helmet support)
- Preparing and delivering supplies for *Home in the Woods*
- Designing and completing a **service project** for future campers and counselors to enjoy

Cabin Counselor Shadowing

- Assisting counselors with camper care and supervision
- Helping with morning and bedtime routines
- Escorting campers between activities
- Conflict resolution and basic problem-solving
- Leading activities such as:

- Archery, Slingshots, Axe Throwing
- Makerspace
- Upper Lake
- Creek Explore
- Swimming Hole
- Home in the Woods
 - Supporting cooking and camper engagement
 - Fire building and maintenance
 - Activity and campsite setup and cleanup

This new structure is designed to give our CITs the tools, knowledge, and experience they need to become confident, capable NaCoMe staff members in the future.

We can't wait to see this next generation of leaders take their first steps toward making a lasting impact at camp!

Dates:

Our Verge program is a two week program (not including the weekend). The first week is May 31 - June 5, 2026 and the second week is June 7-12, 2026. CITs are not allowed to stay the weekend.

These are the only two weeks for CITs and your camper will get the best experience if they can attend both!

Pricing:

Due to the new updates to our Verge program, our prices for this session of camp have also changed. Our Verge pricing for 2026 is 1.5 times a normal week of camp. Your camper still gets to experience two full weeks of camp for less than the total cost of two weeks! This price point is set whether your camper attends both weeks or not.

Verge Pricing	Cost	Deposit (due during registration)
Tier 1	\$842	\$325
Tier 2	\$892	\$325
Tier 3	\$942	\$325

Realizing that families have different abilities and resources to pay for summer camp, NaCoMe is utilizing a three-tiered pricing program. Our goal in introducing tiered pricing is simple: we

want to continue to provide Christ-centered programming in a safe, welcoming, and fun environment while offering opportunities for partnership for those who value this ministry and wish to help preserve NaCoMe for generations to come. During registration, parents and guardians choose the tier that is most suitable for their budget and family. **No matter your choice of tier, your camper will receive the same camp experience.**

During the registration process, all 3 tiers will be available for you to choose from. The pricing tier you choose is confidential and only shared with the executive leadership of NaCoMe.

The three tiers are:

- **Tier 1:** To make our programming as accessible to families in need as possible, this is the lowest-priced tier and less than the full cost incurred by NaCoMe to run a week of camp.
- **Tier 2:** This rate reflects the cost of our summer operations and is the true cost of camp.
- **Tier 3:** Designed for families that would like to partner with NaCoMe in our mission to provide camp to as many children as possible, this tier covers the true cost of camp as well as funding camper scholarships and needs.

Scholarships are available to any campers who need additional assistance beyond Tier I to pay for camp. Please contact our Summer Camp Director at summercamp@nacome.org for more information.